

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 were pending in the application. FIG. 1 was objected to for being designated “not invention” instead of “Prior Art.” Claims 4 and 6 were objected to because of informalities. Claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1, 2, and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Foster et al. Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Foster in view of Vahalia et al. Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Foster in view of Vahalia, and further in view of Coffey. Claim 6 was objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but was indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1 and 4 have been amended, and claim 6 has been canceled, leaving claims 1-5 presently under consideration. Reconsideration and reexamination of the application in view of the amendments and following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claim 6 was objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but was indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant notes with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter with respect to claim 6. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 6. Therefore, amended claim 1 is now equivalent to rewriting claim 6 in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims (there are no intervening claims). Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is now allowable.

In addition, because claims 2-5 depend from claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that all presently pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

FIG. 1 was objected to for being designated “not invention” instead of “Prior Art.” A replacement drawing sheet for FIG. 1 is enclosed herewith. With this amendment, it is respectfully submitted that the objection to the drawing has been overcome.

Claims 4 and 6 were objected to because of informalities. Claim 4 recited acronyms “RRDY” and “SOF.” The Examiner suggested fully describing an acronym when reciting for the first time in the claim. Claim 6 has been canceled, rendering its rejection moot.

Claim 4 has been amended to correct “RRDY” and “SOF” and now reads “Receiver Ready primitive” and “Start of Frame delimiter” respectively. With these amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the objection to claim 4 has been overcome.

Claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 6 has been canceled, rendering its rejection moot.

Claims 1, 2, and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Foster. As indicated above, due to the amendment of claim 1, all presently pending claims are now allowable. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 1, 2, and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) has been overcome.

Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Foster in view of Vahalia. As indicated above, due to the amendment of claim 1, all presently pending claims are now allowable. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) has been overcome.

Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Foster in view of Vahalia, and further in view of Coffey. As indicated above, due to the amendment of claim 1, all presently pending claims are now allowable. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) has been overcome.

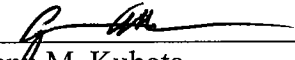
In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

If, for any reason, the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 892-5752 to discuss any steps necessary to place the application in condition for allowance.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing Docket No. 49142011700.

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